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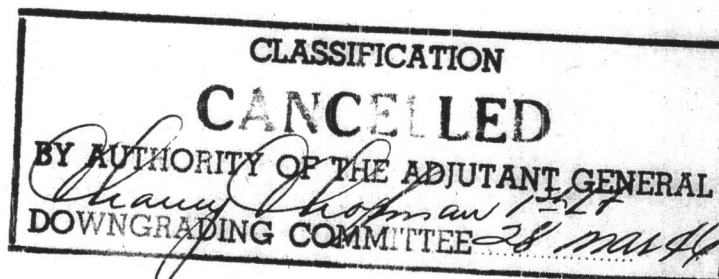
TO : Commanding General, 14th Armored Division.

1. In compliance with Memo, Headquarters 14th Armored Division, dated 4 January 1945, the attached is a History of the 14th Armored Division Artillery.

2. You will note we have given a brief synopsis of the unit since activation, and a more detailed History since arriving overseas. This seemed desirable since it was the first History turned in by this Headquarters.

For the Artillery Commander:

Carl C. Neely
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Lt. Col., F.A.
Executive Officer



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HISTORY: 14TH ARMORED DIVISION ARTILLERY

The 14th Armored Division Artillery was activated 15 November 1942, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, with Colonel C. A. Pyle as Artillery Commander. It consisted of an "Artillery Command Staff" of 8 Officers and 13 Enlisted Men, together with the 499th, 500th, and 501st AFA Bns as Organic Battalions. On 1 April 1943, Colonel Maurice K. Kurtz relieved Colonel Pyle as Artillery Commander. The Artillery was reorganized 28 March 1944 on the basis of T/O & E 6-160, creating a Division Artillery Headquarters and Headquarters Battery.

During the first week of November 1943, the Division started closing in an assembly area in the vicinity of Lebanon, Tennessee, where the following two months were spent maneuvering under 2d Army. At the conclusion of these maneuvers, moved to Camp Campbell, Kentucky, closing on 18 January 1944. The Division was alerted to move to Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania in early July 1944, however received further orders canceling these a couple weeks later. Thursday 21 September 1944 found a Division Advance Party enroute to the Staging Area, Camp Slocum, New York. The Artillery Headquarters was represented by the Artillery Executive and one Clerk. Plans were changed again on arrival at the Staging Area, and 10 Officers, including Lt. Col. Carl C. Neely, Executive of Division Artillery, were flown to Marseilles France to make arrangements for Division's reception.

The Division Artillery left Camp Campbell, Kentucky 2 October 1944, arriving at Camp Shanks, New York, 4 October 1944. They were processed and boarded on the S.S. SEA ROBIN, and on 14 October 1944, sailed for Marseilles, arriving in the harbor on the 28th of October, but due to the high winds, were unable to dock until mid-day of the 29th. The unit was unloaded and marched to the DBS Staging Area about 8 miles from the docks, where it remained until 20th of November trying to find its organizational equipment. The Staff Officers of the Unit at this time were:

Division Artillery Commander	Col. Maurice K. Kurtz
Division Artillery Executive	Lt. Col. Carl C. Neely
S-1 & S-4	Capt. Joe R. Barron
S-2	Maj. Christian A. Herter
S-3	Capt. William I. Smoot
Air Officer	Capt. Richard T. Neumann
Orientation Officer	Capt. Raymond E. Sugg
Asst. S-2	1st Lt. Robert J. Inness
S.S. Officer	1st Lt. Robert L. Harlem
C.O. Headquarters Battery	1st Lt. Aaron Baxter
C.O. 499th AFA Bn	Lt. Col. Robert L. Vance
C.O. 500th AFA Bn	Lt. Col. Dale V. Swanson
C.O. 501st AFA Bn	Lt. Col. Joseph H. Harrison

Monday, 20 November 1944, 0740, found Headquarters and Headquarters Battery crossing the IP at Aix, 15 Km NW of Marseilles, heading North by way of Avignon, to Valence, where we spent the night in a Cavalry stable. The following day, the column moved on to Lyon, skirting the city, and arriving at Dijon after dark, where they spent the night in a park ankle deep with mud. Some of the men slept in vehicles, others on the wet ground. Leaving Dijon, at 0600, the unit headed for Epinoy, crossing the river at that city, thus coming under control of the Seventh Army, then continuing West to Portieux la Venreie, where they were billeted in a glass factory. It was on this day, Wednesday, 22 November, that the 500th AFA Bn, adjusted its first artillery fire on the Germans, while attached to CCA.

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EXTRACTS FROM SPECIAL ORDERS, HEADQUARTERS 14TH ARMORED DIVISION

SO #257, 26 November 1944:

"3. CAPT RAYMOND E SUGG, O1 171 786, FA, is reld fr asgmt to Hq, 14th Armd Div Arty and asgd to Hq, 14th Armd Div, for dy as Asst G-3, I & E Off."

SO #260, 29 November 1944:

"8. Following named Offs, orgns indicated, are placed on SD with Hq, 14th Armd Div, for duty with G-3.

CAPT WILLIAM I SMOOT O1 165 340 FA Hq 14th Armd Div Arty."

SO #261, 30 November 1944:

"2 CAPT RAYMOND E SUGG, O1 171 786, FA, is reld fr asgmt to Hq, 14th Armd Div, dy as Asst G-3, I & E Off, and asgd to Hq, 14th Armd Div Arty."

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As of 26 November 1944, Capt. Joe R. Barron was assigned as acting S-3, and Capt. Raymond E. Sugg was assigned as acting S-1 and S-4, Div Arty Hq.

Friday, 1 December, this Headquarters left Portieux la Venreie, reaching IP Moreville, at 0812, and moving North via Ramblervillers, Baccarat, across the Vosges Mountains to Wilwisheim, closing in an assembly area at Wilwisheim at 1515.

This Headquarters received orders to attach 499th and 501st AFA Bn to 45th Inf. Div. Arty. The Division Artillery Commander was ordered to report to the 45th Division Artillery CP with his Bn CO's, 0800, 2 December, prepared to go on reconnaissance for Bn and Btry positions. As directed, Colonel Kurtz, accompanied by Lt. Inness, reported to CO 45th Inf Div Arty where he received instructions for the employment of the 499th and 501st. The 499th moved into position near Uhrwiller, 8831, 501st went into position at Nefferen, 8730. The Headquarters Battery was moved to Schillersdorf, 8430, where they first experienced artillery firing around and over them. This was a shake-down period with very little work for this Headquarters, as we were simply following the operations which were being conducted by the 45th Division Artillery. However, it was a very valuable period for the Staff to use to get oriented.

3 December 1944

45th Division Artillery ordered 501st to position generally 9131. Primary mission reinforcing fires of 158th FA Bn, and secondary mission of reinforcing fires of 158th FA. 499th reported

1 FO tank knocked out - no personnel casualties.

4 December 1944 - Div Arty CP Schillersdorf, Q8340.

499th AFA Bn:

CP Mulhausen, Q8631. Mission of reinforcing fires of 158th FA Bn. Fires: Observed 13, unobserved 10.

500th AFA Bn:

Attached to CCA.

501st AFA Bn:

CP Ingwiller, Q9132. Mission reinforcing fires 171st and 160th FA Bns. Fires: Observed 6, unobserved 6. The Bn closed in its new position near Ingwiller, Q9132, at 1450.

5 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission general support 45th Div Arty. Fires: Observed 2, unobserved 7.

500th AFA Bn:

Not employed - returning from a mission S. of Barr, where they had been attached to CCA. Assembled at Geisweiler, 8321.

501st AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 9, unobserved 8.

6 December 1944 - Div Arty CP Bitchhofen, Q9128.

499th AFA Bn:

CP Bitchhofen, 9128. Mission reinforcing fires of 171st FA. Fires: Observed 3.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change.

501st AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission reinforcing fires of 160th FA. Fires: Observed 13, unobserved 4.

Col. Kurtz called meeting of Staff, Neely, Herter, Barron, Sugg, Neuman, Brewster, Friedman, Josten, to discuss plans of future operations, then left with Lt. Baxter on reconnaissance for new CP, ordering Lt. Col. Neely to move the Headquarters to Bitchhofen.

7 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 6, unobserved 6.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change.

501st AFA Bn:

CP Ingwiller, Q9131. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 8, unobserved 7.

Two ME 109's buzzed cub landing field and were driven off by AA fire.

Message from Ramshackle: (VI Corps Arty) Request 1 Officer from Division Artillery report at 0930 7 December to Seventh Army Demonstration of new type fuze. Capt. Barron detailed to go.

8 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission reinforcing fires 103rd Inf Div Arty.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission same as Div Arty. Fires: Observed 13, unobserved 3.

500th AFA Bn:

CP 9231. Mission reinforcing fires 928th FA Bn. Fires: None.

501st AFA Bn:

CP 9335. Mission same as Div Arty. Fires: Observed 15, unobserved 3.

9 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 5, unobserved 3.

500th AFA Bn:

CP Mientesheim, Q9331. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 8.

501st AFA Bn:

CP Ingwiller, Q912315. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 9.

Maj. Montgomery, Capt. Gentry, Staff Officers CCA, visited CP to discuss Artillery support for proposed attack by CCA.

10 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 6, unobserved 17.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 1, unobserved 18.

501st AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 2, unobserved 21.

The enemy still holds factory at Mertzwiller, but have been cleared from the remainder of the town. Greisbach strongly fortified, reported heavily mined and booby trapped, still holds out against our troops. The 499th and 500th were strafed by 3 ME 109's at 1300. No damage. 1 plane shot down by AA.

11 December 1944 - Div Arty CP Mertzwiller, Q962299. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP 968302. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 1, unobserved 2.

500th AFA Bn:

CP 966322. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 7, unobserved 5.

501st AFA Bn:

CP 963307. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 3.

Three or four vehicles and about 20 personnel in vicinity of schoolhouse 01423152, fired on by our FA. Air CP reports at least 10 casualties. Road blocks reported West of Gunstatt. MG fire, 50 caliber, received from woods, 4236.

12 December 1944 - Div Arty CP Eschbach, Q0731. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP Hinterfeld, 1514. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 3.

500th AFA Bn:

CP 2338. Mission no change. Fires: Unobserved 6.

501st AFA Bn:

CP Hageney, Q0424. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 3.

Scattered rifle fire was encountered by observers and infantry elements. Practically all bridges have been blown along the route of our advance. The Highway E from Surbourg was heavily mined.

13 December 1944 - Div Arty CP Surbourg, 0834. Mission, Division Artillery less 499th AFA Bn, direct support CCA.

499th AFA Bn:

CP Rittershoffen, 5737. Mission, attached to CCB. Fires: Observed 12.

500th AFA Bn:

CP Surbourg, 3834. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 2.

501st AFA Bn:

CP Surbourg 3834. Mission no change. Fires: None.

14 December 1944 - Div Arty CP Schonenburg, Q1389. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP 0538. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 9, unobserved 17.

500th AFA Bn:

CP 273392. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 4, unobserved 8.

501st AFA Bn:

CP 344394. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 3, unobserved 5.

15 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP 380209. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 17, unobserved 22.

500th AFA Bn:

CP 12833930. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 8, unobserved 11.

501st AFA Bn:

CP 13353950. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 9, unobserved 13.

Enemy Artillery was very active on CCA's front, despite heavy counterbattery. The RJ North of Riedseltz and the town itself were interdicted by the enemy with 75mm and 105mm fire. The 25th Tk Bn received 105mm fire on head of its column at 172455. Inf. was harassed by enemy Artillery fire throughout the day. Six enemy tanks were observed in the vicinity of RJ 172461, one believed to have been knocked out by bazooka. Enemy Inf. dug in on hill 243 offered stiff resistance throughout the day. AT guns at 179443, 17234592, 171469, and 167454, were fired on with good effect by our Artillery. Strongly organized CP's on hill 243, 17894663, 18094649, 17464570, 15144630, were fired on by our FA. Our units were in contact with 481st Inf Regt, 21st Ren Bn, and 2d Bn 192 DG Regt (21 Panzer Div).

16 December 1944 - Div Arty CP Wissembourg, 1548. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 12, unobserved 10.

500th AFA Bn:

CP 15584303. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 3, unobserved 4.

501st AFA Bn:

CP 16544460. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 3, unobserved 24.

No Artillery reported falling on our troops except between 1700 and 1900. when a few rounds of 105mm interspersed with heavier caliber fell on the road 189510. Two enemy light tanks and 1 AT gun reported at 150900, also tanks and AT guns observed by our Inf. at 18684890, plus 3 88mm guns at 16754755.

17 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP 24544195. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 5, unobserved 4.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 2, unobserved 26.

501st AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 5, unobserved 28.

Enemy artillery fire showed marked increase during the period coming from hill NW and from casements to N and NE of CCA. Our general location shelled at 0658 by 75mm fire, again at 0707. No damage. Both columns CCA, were under considerable enemy artillery and mortar fire during the day. At 171245, two SP guns and 1 pillbox at 18275106 were knocked out by our artillery fire. Our forces pulled back from Kapsweiler to permit the Air Force to bomb and soften up the town. Results were not good.

The only report of enemy armor during the day was two tanks in Steinfeld and two on the NW edge of the town. Small arms fire was scattered during the period, but heavy mortar fire and MG fire was encountered from fortified positions in the Siegfried Line by our troops.

18 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 7, unobserved 3.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 11, unobserved 11.

501st AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 8, unobserved 5.

Enemy artillery fire increased. Intense fire fell on the 68th AIB column between 0900 and 1000, - estimated to be 105mm. During the afternoon, mortar and artillery fire as large as 150mm continued to fall, and at 1710, time fire was reported falling on our troops in West column.

The 25th Tk Bn received spasmodic 75mm and 88mm fire during the morning, increasing in intensity during the afternoon. Every movement of our troops drew FA fire, indicating that the enemy had observation on us from a church steeple in Steinfeld, 220500. 501st ACP scored 4 direct hits on the steeple setting it on fire at 1630. 8 rds of enemy 150mm were received in Kapsweyer, 299498, from the North. Only one tank was observed on the front just behind the dragon's teeth at the W entrance to Steinfeld. Enemy Inf. was active particularly in the vicinity of the West column. Local counterattacks repulsed by artillery fire just S of Ober Otterbach at 1230. Two plat of 68 AIB were reported encircled N of river at dark. Continued semi-automatic and MG fire against all our activities

in vicinity of Kapsweyer. The pillboxes of the Siegfried Line in this sector were being used to advantage by enemy. Sniper fire in town on hill West of Ober Otterbach during the morning. Mortar shells of 150 cal. fell on our troops in both sectors. No AT fire was drawn from casements even though some of our tanks were exposed at times.

Received message from VI Corps authorizing the use of the new type fuze T80 E6. 1000 rds available initially to be used during the next five days. Also designated certain hours only, in which cub planes may be in the air.

SO 263, Headquarters Seventh Army, 16 December 1944, was received, promoting following Officers:

From Captain to Major:

Joe E. Barron

William I. Smoot

From 1st Lieutenant to Captain:

Aaron Baxter

19 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission no change.
499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 1, unobserved 10.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 8, unobserved 9.

501st AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 4, unobserved 19.

Enemy 75mm and 88mm kept all front line troops pinned down. Intense mortar fire fell on CCA between 1000 and 1200. Enemy Artillery fire on the E column slackened in the afternoon. Corps TOT on 21385538 at 1015. Shell reports indicate some 105mm and 150mm shelling but mostly mortar fire.

Due to lack of observation and the numerous artillery casements along this part of the Siegfried Line, it is difficult to effectively silence all enemy artillery, particularly with our 105mm Hows. Enemy Inf was again aggressive during the period around 1200, counterattacking against the West column with heavy MG and mortar fire from pillboxes.

Relief of the 25th Tk Bn by the 48th Tk Bn was effectively screened by artillery smoke. The church steeple at Steinfeld, although pounded by artillery and air, still remained as an enemy OP. The weather was too foggy to afford adequate observation for adjusting heavy artillery effectively on the casements.

20 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission no change.
499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Unobserved 25.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 9, unobserved 11.

501st AFA Bn:

CP R1884047067. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 3, unobserved 10.

Enemy artillery continued to fall during the morning, as heavy 120mm and 75mm mortar fire fell on our front lines. The church steeple at Steinfeld was knocked down by an M12 155mm gun borrowed from Corps by this Headquarters. Several rds of 150mm fell in Wissembourg coming from an azimuth of approximately 6000. The 501st AFA adjusted an 8" howitzer on a pillbox with T105 fuze obtaining 3 targets hit and flushing the enemy. An immediate concentration of time fire from 105mm netted 12 casualties. Corps estimate - 4,500 troops in the Siegfried Line to our immediate front.

21 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 8, unobserved 6.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 5, unobserved 8.

501st AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 15, unobserved 9.

Very light enemy harrassing fires were reported throughout the day ranging from heavy mortar fire up to 88mm and 105mm. During mid afternoon the W column of CCA reported receiving fire from large and medium caliber artillery and mortar. High velocity weapons were reported at 17245347 and were fired upon by the 500th, with very good effect. Hits were obtained on a pillbox at 178537, but with very little effect. Several hits were observed by Air CP on enemy gun in house at 227519. 40 rds of mixed artillery fire landed in Schweighofen about 1300. The conspicuous absence of Inf. was noted during the day. S/A and MG fire coming from pillboxes and other fortified positions. Considerable mortar fire was received from 220500 and 21965042.

22 December 1944 - Div Arty CP Schonenburg, R1239. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 7, unobserved 28.

500th AFA Bn:

CP unknown. Mission, attached to CCR.

501st AFA Bn:

CP R1653644604. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 12, unobserved 13.

Artillery and mortar fire was light. Several large concentrations of 30 or 40 rds medium caliber. Each were reported NE Rechtenbach.

The 68th CP received 5 or 6 more rds of 150mm at 2245. Accurate mortar fire still harrassed our troops occasionally. Kapsweyer was shelled with about 30 rds of high velocity shell during the morning. Observers reported 15 additional rds of light enemy artillery falling at 2305. Interdiction fire by single rds, were encountered in Wissembourg, and Riedseltz. Plots from shell reports pointed to Schaidt and the area just E of Bergzabern, 191558 and Pleisweiler, 195572, as the probable location of most activity. Only 1 report of DB was received. Enemy in the open was fired on at 21703043. The enemy mortar fire was still active, evidently having good observation and coverage.

23 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP 20703784. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 2, unobserved 24.

500th AFA Bn:

CP 830421, attached to CCR.

501st AFA Bn:

CP 1653644604. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 7, unobserved 13.

Enemy artillery was very light on entire front today. The principal targets for artillery were rear elements. Riedseltz, 153440, received intermittent harrassing fires, estimated to be 88mm or larger in the earlier part of the afternoon. Shell fragments found in CCA's area estimated to be 170mm. Scattered enemy mortar fire during the day from positions at 17005380, fired on by our artillery.

24 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission none.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission reinforce fires of 79th Div Arty. Fires: Observed 6, unobserved 10.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission attached to T.F. Huddelson. Fires: Observed 8, unobserved 5.

501st AFA Bn:

CP 1497241490. Mission reinforce fires of 79th Div Arty. Fires: Observed 2.

There was a noticeable decrease of enemy artillery fire during this period. Only shell reports received from 3rd Bn 313th Inf reported 4 rds of light artillery falling at 220463, as of 1530. An enemy MG, together with personnel, were fired on at 244487. AOP reported 2 enemy tanks at 180523 as of 1400. Div Arty Air Strip reports 4 ME 109's straffed their field at 1120. No damage to our planes, 1 AA halftrack receiving 6 hits. No casualties.

25 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission No change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 8, unobserved 7.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 13, unobserved 1.

501st AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 2.

Enemy artillery fire was very light during the day. Only 1 rd of 88mm fired reported, and that on 499th area.

26 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission, general support 79th Inf Div Arty.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission, under Div Arty control, reinforcing fires of 310th FA Bn. Fires: Observed 4, unobserved 3.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 3, unobserved 2.

501st AFA Bn: G

CP no change. Mission, under Div Arty control reinforcing fires of 904th FA Bn. Fires: Observed 4.

No enemy activity reported, entire sector quiet.

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Extract, SO 278, Headquarters 14th Armd Div, 26 December 1944.

1. MAJ WILLIAM I SMOOT, O1 165 340, FA, is reld fr asgmt to Hq, 14th Armd Div Arty and SD with Hq, 14th Armd Div, dy with G-3, and asgd to 501st Armd FA Bn.

2. CAPT STANLEY H GAYLORD, O 367 166, FA, is reld fr asgmt to 501st Armd FA Bn, and asgd to Hq, 14th Armd Div Arty, and placed on SD with Hq, 14th Armd Div, dy with G-3.

3. CAPT RAYMOND E SUGG, O1 171 786, FA, is reld fr asgmt to Hq, 14th Armd Div Arty, and asgd to 500th Armd FA Bn, and placed on SD with Hq, 14th Armd Div Arty.

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Major Joe R. Barron assigned S-3, Captain Stanley H. Gaylord assigned S-1, S-4, SD with Div G-3 section, Captain Raymond E. Sugg SD with Div Arty Hq.

27 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 9, unobserved 19.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 3, unobserved 2.

501st AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 2.

No enemy artillery fire was reported during this period. Enemy Inf was fired on at 254513, pillbox at 25465004, vehicles at 25525090, also a building at 28065108.

A visit by General Wahl, Artillery Commander 79th Div., for the purpose of working out plans of movement in case the 79th is forced to withdraw from this area. This plan was coordinated with the Executive Officer, Lt. Col. Neely.

28 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

Enroute to reinforce fires of 45th Div Arty, vicinity Q005438. Fires: Observed 5, unobserved 2.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 7, unobserved 12.

501st AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 2.

One enemy SP gun was fired on at 262437. Enemy Inf was confined to patrolling on whole front. Vehicles were fired on at 175530 with good effect, also pillbox at 24925170, and enemy barracks at 25005219.

29 December 1944 - Div Arty CP Kutzenhausen le Haut, R0737. Mission Reinforcing fires of the 45th Division Artillery.

499th AFA Bn:

CP Q999410. Mission reinforcing fires of 45th Division Arty. Fires: Observed 7, unobserved 2.

500th AFA Bn:

CP Q840422. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 6, Unobserved 17.

501st AFA Bn:

CP Weyer, Q5728. Mission, attached to CCA operating in XV
Corps Area. Not committed.

30 December 1944 - Div Arty CP no change. Mission no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 4.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 3,
unobserved 15.

501st AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: None.

31 December 1944 - Div Arty CP Schillersdorf, Q845302. Mission
no change.

499th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 1,
unobserved 2.

500th AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: Observed 7,
unobserved 12.

501st AFA Bn:

CP no change. Mission no change. Fires: None.